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Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock
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Dear Lieutenant General Strock:

The United States and Canada share a critical border crossing along the Detroit River. Currently, the Federal Highway Administration, the Michigan Department of Transportation, Transport Canada, and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation are currently involved with the Detroit River International Crossing Project, a project that offers to provide a new crossing linking Southeast Michigan and Ontario, Canada.

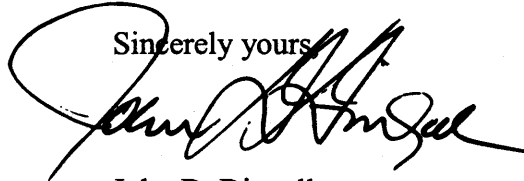
Given the Army Corps of Engineers' role in the process of permitting activity conducted along navigable waterways, it is likely the Corps will be involved with this project. In conversations with my constituents, some have expressed their concern in the permitting process. To help clarify their confusion, please answer the following questions.

1. Please provide the process for permitting on a large project such as the one above. What would the timeline be for permitting such a project?
2. What type of permits will be required for this project?
3. Will the public be allowed to participate? At what points will the public be allowed to participate?
4. What will the Corps role be with regard to the other project partners?
5. What has to be done with regard to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)? Is there a timeline for that process? If so please explain in detail?

Recently, I have heard numerous concerns from my constituents about the effects of a crossing through the Downriver area. Your answers will provide a better understanding of the process for my constituents and the opportunities they will have to be able to share with the project partners their concerns with regard to certain possible locations. It is important that all aspects of the study process are open and transparent, and that the public has every opportunity to be heard every step of the way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or Jack Maniko of my staff at (202) 225-4071.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Dingell", written over the "Sincerely yours," text.

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress